

FIREFIGHTING INFORMATION

2014 SEASON

INTERESTED IN WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING?



**Pick up handouts below for training offered
by approved providers**

**Check out additional information on
Northern Rockies Coordinating Group web site:
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/>**

WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING TRAINING PROVIDERS

TRAINING PROVIDER	SERVICES OFFERED
Blackbull Wildfire Services LLC Dick Mangan (406) 543-0013 11400 Kona Ranch Road, Missoula, MT 59804 Web site: www.blackbull-wildfire.com E-mail: blackbull@bigsky.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Training ➤ Position Task Books ➤ Work Capacity Testing ➤ Red Card Certification
Rocky Mountain Fire Company Troy Kurth (406) 239-2484 3011 American Way, Missoula, MT 59808 E-mail: info@rmfc-usa.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Training ➤ Work Capacity Testing ➤ Red Card Certification
White Horse Forestry Ron White (406) 360-2336 998 Market St., Corvallis, MT 59828 Web site: www.whitehorseforestry.com E-Mail: rwhite@mail.corvallisfire.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Training ➤ Position Task Books ➤ Work Capacity Testing ➤ Red Card Certification

QUICK GUIDE TO FIRE HIRING

1. Basic Training

All wildland firefighters are required to complete basic wildland fire training. Usually 40 hours (1 week of training), basic training consists of 5 lessons; I-100 Introduction to ICS, S-110 Basic Wildland Fire Orientation, S-130 Firefighter Training, S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior, and L-180 Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service. Contact your local Forest Service office for more information.

2. The "Pack Test"

All wildland firefighters are required to pass the Pack Test. The Pack Test refers to a work capacity test used to measure aerobic capacity, muscular strength, and muscular endurance. All firefighters are required to meet the "arduous" level performance testing, which includes carrying a 45 pound pack 3 miles in 45 minutes. For more information regarding the Work Capacity Test, go to: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/safety/wct/2002/pack_test_info_sheet.pdf or call your local Forest Service office.

3. Create a profile

The Forest Service hires employees through an online website called USAJOBS. www.usajobs.gov. You must create a USAJ OBS profile to apply for FS jobs. You will also be required to create a USAJOBS resume or attach your own. Keep your USAJ OBS profile current and you will always be ready to apply when a job opens up.

4. Contact your local Forest Service office

The Forest Service has thousands of applicants a year! But each office only hires a handful of new employees. Call your local offices early (January) and ask to speak to a hiring supervisor. Tell them you are interested in work. Ask them what they are hiring for and WRITE DOWN THE ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER.

5. Apply!

On the USAJOBS main search page or in advanced search, type the announcement number into the search bar, run the search. Open the job announcement by clicking on the job title. On the top right hand side of the page, select "Apply Online." You will be prompted to log in if you're not already. Follow the prompts to apply.

QUICK GUIDE TO TEMP HIRING

1. Do your homework

If you don't already know what type of work you would like to do, visit www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs to find job overviews for every thing from technicians to specialists.

2. Create a profile

The Forest Service hires employees through an online website called USAJOBS (www.usajobs.gov). You must create a USAJOBS profile to apply for FS jobs. You will also be required to create a USAJOBS resume or attach your own. Include all work experiences you may have. That includes any non-paid work as well! Most entry level jobs only require that you have a HS diploma or GED, but even brief experiences can make you more qualified. Keep your USAJOBS profile current and you will always be ready to apply when a job opens up.

3. Contact your local Forest Service office

The Forest Service has tens of thousands of applicants a year! But each office only hires a handful of new employees. Call your local offices early (Jan and February) and ask them who is hiring temporary employees for the summer. Write down the name and phone number of your potential supervisor and then call them! Tell them you are interested in work. Ask them what they are hiring for and **WRITE DOWN THE ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER**.

4. Apply Online

On the USAJOBS main search page or in advanced search, type the announcement number into the search bar, run the search. Open the job announcement by clicking on the job title. On the top right hand side of the page, select "Apply Online." You will be prompted to log in if you're not already. Follow the prompts to apply.

5. Volunteer!

Nothing gives you more experience then volunteering for the Forest Service! It will give your potential supervisor the opportunity to see what a great employee you are, and it will show future supervisors that you are motivated to learn! Read more about volunteering and download a volunteer application at <http://www.fs.fed.us/volunteer/volunteer-application.shtml>. Bring your completed application to your local office.



2014 Summer Job Opportunities NORTHERN REGION LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

fs.usda.gov/lolo



Multiple Temporary Seasonal Positions available at the following locations:

- Lolo Supervisor's Office (Missoula, MT)
- Missoula RD (Missoula, MT)
- Ninemile RD (Huson, MT)
- Plains/Thompson Falls RD (Plains, MT)
- Seeley Lake RD (Seeley Lake, MT)
- Superior RD (Superior, MT)

The Lolo National Forest anticipates hiring temporary, seasonal (1039 hr.) positions for the 2014 field season, through the USAJOBS hiring system (<https://www.usajobs.gov>). The following provides a brief description of the types of positions that may be available on the Forest, as well as contact information for supervisors who anticipate hiring for the 2014 season. **Please Contact Hiring Managers for Announcement Numbers, Dates to apply, and the Number of Positions Available.**

The following link provides a short tutorial for application procedures.

. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=endscreen&v=ahg1fselvMg&NR=1>

- **Recreation Positions:** These positions will be responsible for maintenance of campgrounds, trailheads, rental cabins, dispersed recreation sites, and other duties as assigned. Successful applicants will need to be able to interact with the public, be comfortable with mountain driving conditions, be able to use power tools, and be familiar with campground maintenance procedures.
- **Trail / Wilderness Positions:** These positions will serve on the District Trail Crew, and will be responsible for maintenance and construction of the District's trail systems. These positions will be physically strenuous and the employee will be expected to work in the woods for up to 8-10 days at a time in all types of weather conditions. Successful applicants will have skills in backpacking, primitive and motorized tool use/maintenance, trail construction techniques, stock use, and rigging. Also applicants will be required to spend extended periods of time in remote settings.
- **Silviculture / Forester Positions:** includes tree planting, monitoring, stand exam surveys, and other general forestry work.
- **Weeds Positions:** includes weed inventory, monitoring and manual application of herbicides to control noxious weeds.
- **Hydrology Positions:** Positions assist with fisheries/aquatics management duties on the Forest. Job duties typically include a diverse range of surveys, inventory, monitoring, and restoration. Inventories will be conducted on roads and proposed project areas to determine current resource conditions and proposed restoration activities. Monitoring will include physical and chemical parameters. The positions will assist with a variety of watershed restoration projects to improve aquatic resources.
- **Fire Positions:** include wildfire suppression, fuels management and other duties as assigned, as part of an engine, hand crew, helitack, smokejumper, or lookout. Fire fighters must meet certain physical fitness requirements and pass fitness tests.
- **Administrative Positions:** includes receptionist duties.
- **Wildlife Positions:** Duties include, but are not limited to: planning and implementing surveys for threatened, endangered, and sensitive plant and animal species and data entry into the computer databases. Raptor surveys may include utilizing visual, audio and raptor alarm and wail recordings to survey proposed timber sales for raptor activity, recommending protection measures, and monitoring known raptor nests. Bird identification skills (aural or visual) and familiarity with GPS and GIS technology are desirable.
- **GIS Positions:** Geographic Information Systems Technician: Utilizes computer software to generate map products as requested. Manages datasets and databases to support analysis processes and mapping requests.

Many of these positions require physical exertion, in rough terrain, in a full range of weather conditions. Work week schedules vary depending on the position. Forest Service housing may be available. Many positions and project work require camping out for extended periods. Contact the supervisors identified to learn more specific information for each position.

For more information about the Lolo National Forest, visit the following website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/lolo>

Contacts for Positions

Recreation / Trails / Wilderness Positions – GS-0462-2/3/4/5

<u>Work Location</u>	<u>Ranger District</u>	<u>Hiring Managers</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Superior, MT	Superior RD	Beth Kennedy	406-822-3954	ekennedy@fs.fed.us
Seeley Lake, MT	Seeley Lake RD	Shannon Connolly	406-677-3938	shannonconnolly@fs.fed.us
Missoula, MT	Missoula RD	Al Hilshey	406-329-3970	ahilshey@fs.fed.us
Plains, MT	Plains/Thompson Falls RD	Beth Kennedy	406-822-3954	ekennedy@fs.fed.us
Huson, MT	Nine Mile RD	Laura Johnson Boudreaux	406-626-5404	ljohnsonboudreaux@fs.fed.us

Silviculture / Forester Positions – GS-0462-3/4/5

<u>Duty Station</u>	<u>Ranger District</u>	<u>Hiring Managers</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Superior, MT	Superior RD	Ed Bringenberg	406-822-3947	ebringenberg@fs.fed.us
Plains, MT	Plains/Thompson Falls RD	Mike Mueller	406-826-4353	mlmueller@fs.fed.us

Weeds Positions – GS-0462-3/4/5

<u>Duty Station</u>	<u>Ranger District</u>	<u>Hiring Managers</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Seeley Lake, MT	Seeley Lake RD	Shannon Connolly	406-677-3938	shannonconnolly@fs.fed.us

Hydrology Positions – GS-1316-5, GS-0404-5

<u>Duty Station</u>	<u>Ranger District</u>	<u>Hiring Managers</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Missoula, MT	Supervisor's Office	Traci Sylte	406-329-3896	tsylte@fs.fed.us
Superior, MT	Superior RD	Traci Sylte	406-329-3896	tsylte@fs.fed.us

Fire Positions - GS-0462-2/3/4/5

<u>Duty Station</u>	<u>Ranger District</u>	<u>Hiring Managers</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Superior, MT	Superior RD	Teo Digiando	406-822-3958	mdigiando@fs.fed.us
Huson, MT	Nine Mile RD	Kevin Elmstrom	406-626-5431	kelmstrom@fs.fed.us
Seeley Lake, MT	Seeley Lake RD	Phil Shelmerdine	406-677-3915	pshelmerdine@fs.fed.us
Missoula, MT	Missoula RD	Mike Wood	406-329-3851	mbwood@fs.fed.us
Plains	Plains/Thompson Falls RD	Dave Tingley	406-826-3821	dtingley@fs.fed.us
Missoula, MT	Lolo Supervisor's Office, Heliteck	Beau Dobberstein	406-329-4974	bdobberstein@fs.fed.us
Missoula, MT	Missoula Interagency Dispatch Center	Tim Bradley	406-829-7050	tbradley@fs.fed.us

Administrative Positions – GS-0326 -3/4

<u>Duty Station</u>	<u>Ranger District</u>	<u>Hiring Managers</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Seeley Lake, MT	Seeley Lake RD	Suzanne Vernon	406-677-3906	svernon@fs.fed.us
Plains, MT	Plains/Thompson Falls RD	Randy Hojem	406-826-3821	

Wildlife Positions – GS-0404-3/4/5/7

<u>Duty Station</u>	<u>Ranger District</u>	<u>Hiring Managers</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Seeley Lake, MT	Seeley Lake RD	Shannon Connolly	406-677-3938	shannonconnolly@fs.fed.us
Superior, MT	Superior RD	David Wroblewski	406-826-4321	dwroblewski@fs.fed.us

Facilities Positions – GS-0462-3/4

<u>Duty Station</u>	<u>Ranger District</u>	<u>Hiring Managers</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Seeley Lake, MT	Seeley Lake RD	Shannon Connolly	406-677-3938	shannonconnolly@fs.fed.us

GIS Positions - GS-0404-5, GS-0462-7

<u>Duty Station</u>	<u>Ranger District</u>	<u>Hiring Managers</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Missoula, MT	Supervisor's Office	Kelsey David	406-329-3744	kdavid@fs.fed.us

HOW TO APPLY:

CONTACT the work supervisor identified on the previous page to get more information about the job and work location.

COMPLETE the Outreach Form on the next page and Email it to the appropriate supervisor to let them know you are interested in their position, so they can watch for your name on the applicant list and email updates on the positions.

APPLY ONLINE at www.USAJOBS.gov

Step 1: Create a USAJOBS account (if you do not already have one) at www.USAJOBS.gov. It is recommended that as part of your profile you set up automatic email notification to be informed when the status of your application changes. If you choose not to set up this automatic notification, then you will have to log into your USAJOBS account to check on the status of your application.

Step 2: Create a resume with USAJOBS or upload a resume into your USAJOBS account. You may want to customize your resume to ensure it documents duties and accomplishments you have attained that are directly related to this position, so your application will meet required qualifications. (Ensure you provide exact dates of employment so your qualifications are accurately documented: e.g. *May 1, 2010 to Oct 29, 2010* will be calculated as 5 months of experience; listing *May 2010 to Oct 2010* may be calculated as only 3 months of experience, assuming a start date in late May and an end date at the beginning of Oct).

Step 3: Search for the job announcement number. You may need to use the advance search option with the job title to find the correct job announcement number. Read the entire announcement and all the instructions before you begin. Click "Apply Online" and follow the prompts to complete the Occupational Questionnaire and attach any additional documents that may be required. Make sure you select a potential duty station that includes the town where the ranger station for your target job is located.

You can update your application or documents anytime while the announcement is open. Simply log into your USAJOBS account and click on "Application Status". Click on the position title and then select "Update Application" to continue.

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Apply online now at:

www.USAJOBS.gov

Contact Hiring Managers for Application due Dates and Vacancy Numbers

*Supervisors will request applicant lists from USAJOBS, and selections will continue until positions are filled.

*Remember to identify the town where the ranger district resides as a potential duty station, to ensure your application is made available to the supervisors you contacted. (e.g. Identify **Superior, MT** as a work location if you are interested in a position on the Superior Ranger District or **Seeley, MT** if you are interested in a position on the Seeley Ranger District.)

*Complete the Outreach Form and Email it to the work Supervisor to let them know you are applying.

Government Pay Scales:

GS3	\$11.95/hr
GS4	\$13.41/hr
GS5	\$15.00/hr
GS6	\$16.73/hr

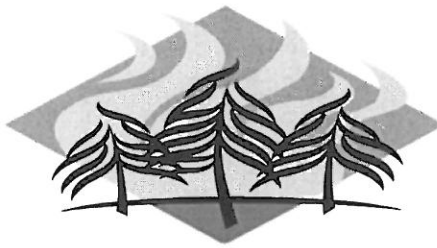
Pay scale/grade level is based on the job duties and the education and/or experience necessary to do the job. Prerequisites are identified in the announcements on USAJOBS.



Voluntary response “This is not an application to any current vacancy”

Position Identification

Submission of this form is voluntary ~ Thanks for your interest!



Rocky Mountain Fire Company

2014 TRAINING SCHEDULE

UPDATED DECEMBER 8, 2013

Course		Fee Schedule
Annual Refresher RT-130	6 hours	\$50.00
Annual Refresher RT-130 with Pack Test (WCT)	8 hours	\$60.00
Basic Firefighter (FFT2), Includes S-130, S-190, I-100, L-180 and Pack Test (WCT) We offer an additional 1 day training for engine crew firefighters – use of water, hoselays, engine operation and initial attack. Trainees who pass proctor performance evaluation are issued an additional certificate (Initial Attack With Engines)		\$175.00 \$25.00
Work Capacity Test	2 hours	\$15.00
Firefighter 1 (FFT1), Includes S-131, S-133	12 hours	\$75.00
Crew Boss (Engine Boss), Includes S-230	24 hours	\$150.00
Intermediate Fire Behavior, Includes S-290	32 hours	\$200.00

Please call us at 406-239-2484 to register for a class or if you have special needs.

Training Schedule – Subject to Change Based Upon Demand

Missoula training is held at Grant Creek Inn, North Reserve and I-90, North side of I-90

Course		Location	Date
Annual Refresher Missoula Pack Test (WCT)	6 hours 2 hours	Missoula	April 3 May 17 May 31 June 14 June 28
Basic Firefighter S-130, Includes optional Initial Attack With Water	190.32 hours 8 hours	Missoula	April 28 – May 2 May 12 – May 16 May 26 – May 30 June 9 – June 13 June 23 – June 27
S-290 Intermediate Fire Behavior	32 hours	Missoula	April 21 – April 24 May 19 – May 22
S-230 Crew Boss (Engine Boss)	24 hours	Missoula	April 25 – April 27 May 23 – May 25
Firefighter 1 (FFT1), Includes S-131, S-133	12 hours	Missoula	May 10 – May 11 June 21 – June 22

White Horse Forestry

2014 Training Schedule

Call Annamarie White at 406-396-1937

Course #	Course Name	Cost	Dates
S-130, S-190, I-100, L-180	Basic Wildland Firefighter	\$200	March 8 – March 9 March 22 – March 23 April 5 – April 6
RT-130	Annual Refresher/WCT	\$80	March 1 March 15 March 29 April 5
S-230, S-231	Engine Boss	\$250	April 19, April 20, April 26 and April 27
	Wildland Chain Saws	\$200	TBA

All trainings start at **9:00 a.m.**

Training location: **The Corvallis Grange in Corvallis, Montana**

Pack Test Location: **Corvallis High School Track**

BASIC WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER:

This course provides the student the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for entry level placement on a Contract Engine Crew or Water Tender Operator. Consisting of approximately thirty hours of self-paced online study, one day of classroom instruction and one field day that includes a Pack Test. Upon completion of this course the Student will have earned a 'Red Card' and all Certificates necessary for hire on Wildland Fires.

Note: Student **MUST** provide own backpack weighing 45 pounds for the Pack Test.

Instructions for Basic Wildland Firefighter Training Online:

1. Go to <http://training.nwcg.gov/online.html>
2. Click on "Online Courses"
3. Read and follow directions for the following Courses: I-100, S-110, S-130, S-190
4. Print Certificates of Training for each Course present to Instructor on first day of Basic

WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER ANNUAL REFRESHER/PACK TEST:

This Course provides the experienced Firefighter the Annual Refresher and Pack Test necessary to obtain a current 'Red Card'. Consisting of four hours of classroom instruction, Fire Shelter Deployment Exercise and Work Capacity Test. Upon completion of this Course Student will have earned a 'Red Card' and all Certificates necessary for hire on Wildland Fires.

Note: Student **MUST** provide own backpack weighing 45 pounds for the Pack Test.



Wildland Fire & ICS Training Calendar Year 2014

(Revised January 25, 2014)

Available Monday through Sunday 0800 to 1800 hours

Course Number	Course Name	Class Dates	Location	Costs
I-100, S-110, S-130, S-190, L-180	NO Basic Wildland Fire for this year.			
RT-130	Annual Refresher (8 hours) (No pre-registration required)	February 22 March 22 April 12 May 10 June 14	Missoula	\$75

Dates subject to last minute changes.

Please check Twitter (@Bkbullwildfire) or Facebook (Blackbull Wildfire Services) 5 – 7 days before the scheduled class.

NOTE: All Missoula Training is held at Ruby's Inn & Convention Center
4825 North Reserve – Exit #101 off I-90

For class information, or to sign up for a specific class, call or email:

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(406) 543-0013
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